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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefings of Loch Johnson, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence staff, on CIA's Relationship with Academia

25X1 1. [] On 26 July 1978 I accompanied Loch Johnson, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence staff, to meetings with representatives of three Agency components which deal with academia in one degree or another. The briefings were as follows:

25X1 a. At 9:00 a.m. []
25X1 [] briefed Mr. Johnson in 5E11
25X1 on [] relationship and involvement with the academic world. Mr. Johnson's principal concerns were: the degree to which the academics involved were witting that they were dealing with CIA; whether the association was altogether voluntary; and the degree to which the relationship between the academics and CIA was or was not known to the academics' colleagues. It emerged fairly clearly that Mr. Johnson would prefer to see any relationship between CIA and the academics be totally overt, but he seemed to accept the premise that many academics preferred it otherwise. In the process of giving Mr. Johnson an explanation of [] association with academics he was provided a fairly thorough briefing on how [] operates. I suspect that Mr. Johnson will be coming back to request information on "foreign materials" that [] acquires. He will probably want to know what they are and how [] acquires them.

25X1 b. At 10:15 a.m. [] Deputy Chief, []
25X1 briefed Mr. Johnson in his office (3C17) on how [] goes about its business and what kind of relationships [] has with the academic world. Mr. Johnson was told

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